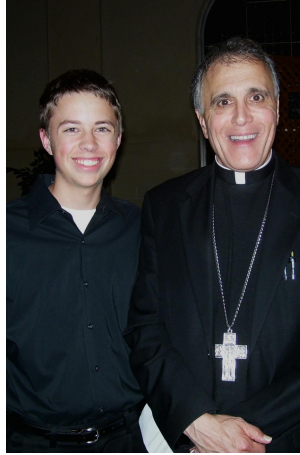


## **Christ Look-Alike?**

**(Dive Bible Study 10-22-08)**

***“Be Holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.” Leviticus 19:2***



***“Be Imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 11:1***

Now just because Trent is pictured with the Cardinal does not make him holy. He does make the podcast by default, but that also does not make him holy. So we stop picking on Trent and get to the point of tonight’s Bible Study we can end the debate by saying that he (just like each of you, even me) were created as holy beings. In other words we are holy because God created us in His divine image. And that also gives us our call to live holy lives, to strive for holiness every day. We are all called to holiness, something the Church refers to as the “universal call to holiness.” So our universal call is actually to pursue sainthood, to become saints even if the Church does not ever formally canonize us. Here are three landmarks that will help us in our pursuit to imitate Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century straight from Scripture.

### **Confidence**

Psalms 118: 5-18

### **Compassion**

1 John 3: 11-18

### **Charitable**

Luke 4: 16-22a

### **Look Up!**

“I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth” – St. Therese of Liseux (the Final Conversations)

“Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life.” – St. Dominic (said this dying to his brothers)

“The Church, in turn, from the earliest beginnings of Christianity has always believed that the Apostles and Martyrs are more closely joined to us in Christ and has venerated them, together with the Blessed Virgin Mary and the holy Angels, with special devotion, devoutly imploring the aid of their intercession. To these were soon added others also who had imitated more closely the virginity and poverty of Christ and, finally, others whose outstanding practice of the Christian virtues and whose divine charisms commended them to the pious devotion of, and imitation by, the faithful.” **Apostolic Constitution Divine Teacher and Model of Perfection Jan 25, 1983 – PJP II**